

# The KET Newsletter

## Summer 2024 Update

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### Welcome from the CEO

The Summer Term is always packed with so many activities and this Newsletter highlights a small selection of the wealth of opportunities available for pupils in the trust and their wonderful achievements.

The focus for this newsletter is 'The Arts' - please visit the schools websites to appreciate all that is taking place in our schools.

We are looking forward to 2024-25 and developing the opportunities to work closer together so our children can achieve their best in all that they do.

If you are a school and are interested in learning more about our trust then we would love to hear from you. For an informal chat please call 01785 334900 or email [c.wright@theket.uk](mailto:c.wright@theket.uk).

Enjoy reading!

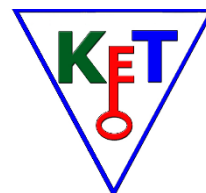


Mr Chris Wright  
CEO - The Key Educational Trust

*"Unlocking potential – building futures"*



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## Christ Church Academy



CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY  
*Excellence in Education*

## Summer Term Update

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July saw our annual 'Stone Rocks' festival where many performers displayed their talents to the local community. Visitors enjoyed watching the acts including choirs from trust schools, CCA orchestra, musicians, singers and dancers. Festival goers also sampled the good food on offer and rain did not dampen play!



We are so proud of the community work produced by our Art Club crew and Key Stage 3 this year!

We were lucky enough to be asked to create some canal and theatre-based artwork for our new, local theatre @crownwharfttheatre - and the finished results are fabulous! Well done to everyone involved!



⚽ GAME ON, GO LEAD ⚽

A group of our KS3 girls helped run a football festival for the first schools last week alongside being filmed by the FA. We are very proud of you all. Well done!



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### Summer Term Update



It is always a joy to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils. We have recently enjoyed our Celebration Evening, lots of special assemblies and services during the last few days of the term. A huge THANK YOU to Stone Shoe Repairs for all your hard work in helping us to prepare for these events. 🏆🏆



### 🏆 CCA pupils win Y8 National Careers Challenge 🏆

Huge congratulations to our Y8 National Careers Challenge finalists, who have been crowned National Champions! We are really proud of you. Well done!

**JCB The Inspirational Learning Group**



KS3 took a trip to Stafford Gatehouse Theatre in July to see Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. Not only did they thoroughly enjoy an amazing performance, but they were also complimented on their exemplary behaviour by the theatre staff. 🌟



musical talents!

In June 2024, some of our KS2 pupils headed over to Eccleshall for a music day at Eccleshall Holy Trinity. They were joined by pupils from other schools in The Key Educational Trust to showcase their

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### Christ Church First School



**CHRIST CHURCH FIRST SCHOOL**  
*Be the best you can be in God's beautiful world*



This term, the pupils at Christ Church First school have been involved in a wide range of creative and sporting activities.



Our Year 2 pupils have been making the most of the new induction hobs to create a host of tasty treats. They have made mushroom omelettes, tomato pasta, quesadillas and pancakes to name just a few. As part of the French curriculum, pupils in Years 3 and 4 have been sampling croissants, pains au chocolat, crêpes, baguettes and brioche – unsurprisingly this lesson scored highly in the pupil voice survey!

Pupils in all years took part in a whole-school art day on Friday 21st May. This was supported by the art teacher and art leaders from Christ Church Academy.

The focus was clay and the children in EYFS and KS1 made clay cactus leaves, focusing on texture and pattern. In Year 3, the children made forget-me-not flowers to support our work with the Alzheimer's Club in Stone and Year 4 made keepsakes as they move on to middle school.

Over the course of the term, pupils have been involved in a wide range of sporting activities and they have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities. We welcomed Claire from Staffordshire cricket into school to run a cricket day for the whole school. This was also followed up with a cricket festival for Year 3 and 4 at Milford Cricket Club. We have attended rugby taster sessions at Stafford Rugby Club and KS1 and KS2 took part in the cross country at Stafford Grammar. The final event was our school sports day on Friday 28th June at the Church at the Crossing. The whole school competed in a range of events and the whole school community came together for the picnic at the end.



On 14<sup>th</sup> June, KS2 pupils from the school choir and guitarists from Year 4 attended the Eccleshall Music Festival at Holy Trinity Church. This was a great event and the choir took part in percussion workshops and group singing while the guitarist took part in a plucked instrument workshop. All pupils took part in a concert for parents at the end of the day. This was a lovely Trust activity as pupils from Christ Church Academy and St Mary's Primary were also in attendance.



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### Oulton First School



**OULTON FIRST SCHOOL**  
*Hand in hand Learning together*

#### Enrichment Activities

A range of extra-curricular clubs are offered at Oulton. Throughout the year we have provided choir, gardening, yoga, football and Kung Fu. This term we have also offered tennis, which has been coached by Stone Tennis Club.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July we had a local ceramic artist, called Mark Dally, visit our school. He talked to KS2 children about the start of his career and the influences that led to his distinctive style of art. The children asked him lots of interesting

Y1-Y4 pupils have enjoyed the opportunity to learn tennis, which has proved popular, and we will be offering again next summer.



Members of the choir performed wonderfully at the Stone Rocks festival at Christ Church Academy – well done.

Kung Fu has been running for several terms to pupils from Y1-Y4.



On Friday 21st June KS2 children had a visit from local artist Emma Joustra. The children had all prepared questions that they wanted to ask her.

Emma also kindly donated two lovely 500 piece jigsaws to the school.

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### St Mary's, Mucklestone



St Mary's staff and pupils enjoyed a fun Sports Day. Red were the winning team who gained the most points across all of the various traditional races (egg and spoon, sack race, obstacle and relay) to win the trophy. They very enthusiastically completed a lap of honor with the cup! Well done red team.



During Pentecost Mrs Beswick-Pallister created quiet spaces in church. The theme was 'peace'. The children and church community spent time in church in thoughtful reflection. One of the activities was to let balloons go, to represent us releasing our worries. Our dance crew also performed a Pentecost dance during our act of worship in the St Mary's Pentecost church service.



Our parents were invited to an 'Art and Design Technology Gallery' in school. We presented work completed through the year and parents and families were given refreshments and an opportunity to browse through the wonderful work produced by the children – with relaxing music playing in the background. We were so proud of all of our creations and products!





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### St Peter's, Caverswall



We would like to send a huge thank you to our KS2 children, for their amazing performance of The Lion King. Our show has been a whole year project, where the children have learnt dances, practised the songs and created their own animal themed art work. Each class has produced their own masks for the show and helped to make the props, including our amazing 6ft giraffe, Georgia.



They have shown true dedication and commitment to produce a fantastic production of the iconic story, they made us laugh, they made us cry and wowed us all with some stunning solos, duets and group performances. Thank you to each and every one of you. You are all totally outstanding!

